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Northwest Region Potato Stocks on February 1, 2018 Totaled 129 Million Hundredweight, down 3 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks in Idaho on February 1, 2018 totaled 73.0 million cwt. Disappearance of the Idaho crop to date was 58.3 million cwt. February 1 potato stocks in Oregon totaled 11.3 million cwt. Disappearance to date was 10.1 million cwt. In Washington, February 1 potato stocks totaled 45.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date totaled 54.0 million cwt. Nationally the 13 major potato States held 203 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2018, down slightly from February 1, 2017. Potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the fall storage States' 2017 production, 1 percentage point more than last year. Potato disappearance, at 197 million cwt, was down 3 percent from February 1, 2017. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 15.4 million cwt, was 5 percent lower than the same time last year.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 38.9 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 1 percent from February 2017. In Washington and other Oregon counties, 46.5 million cwt of potatoes had been used by processors for the season, down 3 percent from the previous year. Processors in the 8 major States used 106 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 1 percent from February 2017. Dehydrating usage accounted for 18,085 cwt of the total potatoes processed.

Fall Potato Production and Stocks — 13 Major States: February 1, 2017-2018

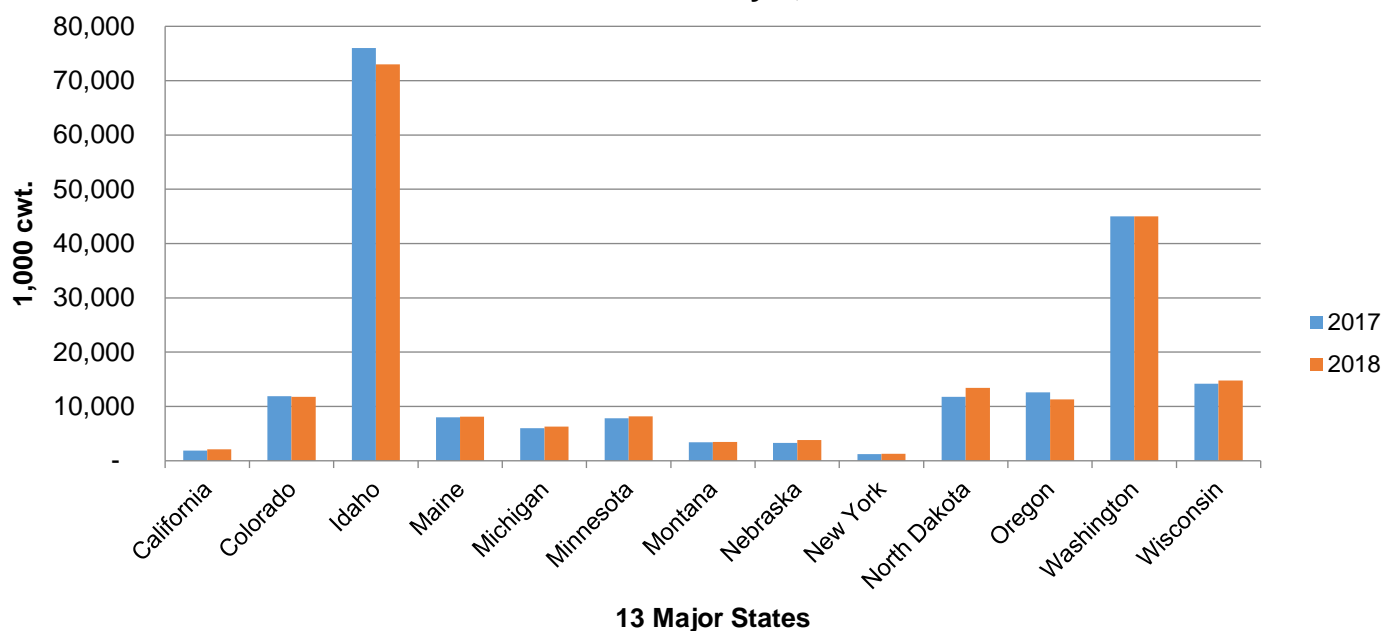
[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2017 totaled 29.9 million cwt]

State	Crop of 2016			Crop of 2017			
	Production	Stocks February 1, 2017	February stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks December 1, 2017	Stocks February 1, 2018	February stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California	3,516	1,900	54	3,690	2,700	2,100	57
Colorado	22,236	11,900	54	21,527	15,400	11,800	55
Idaho	139,320	76,000	55	131,325	94,000	73,000	56
Maine	15,113	8,000	53	15,035	10,900	8,100	54
Michigan	17,020	6,000	35	18,000	11,000	6,300	35
Minnesota	16,800	7,800	46	18,428	10,900	8,200	44
Montana	3,685	3,400	92	3,740	3,550	3,450	92
Nebraska	7,380	3,300	45	9,072	5,000	3,800	42
New York	3,552	1,200	34	4,321	2,000	1,300	30
North Dakota	21,600	11,800	55	25,160	18,200	13,400	53
Oregon	22,951	12,600	55	21,395	16,800	11,300	53
Washington	105,625	45,000	43	99,000	57,000	45,000	45
Wisconsin	27,840	14,200	51	29,145	19,300	14,800	51
Total	406,638	203,100	50	399,838	266,750	202,550	51
Klamath Basin ¹	(NA)	3,100	(NA)	(NA)	4,700	3,400	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Already included in the 13-State total.

Potato Stocks February 1, 2017-2018



Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing — 8 States: 2015-2017

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

State and crop year	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1	To May 1	To June 1	Season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon								
2015.....	26,850	33,115	39,655	46,455	53,710	61,050	68,435	86,250
2016.....	25,720	32,650	39,475	46,880	54,625	61,950	70,110	92,760
2017.....	24,840	31,915	38,945					
Maine								
2015.....	1,170	1,590	2,050	2,490	2,980	3,495	4,065	5,724
2016.....	1,260	1,665	2,175	2,660	3,080	3,470	3,825	5,059
2017.....	1,510	1,880	2,370					
Washington and Oregon, other ¹								
2015.....	33,955	39,970	46,320	54,455	60,985	67,560	74,285	91,720
2016.....	36,700	42,180	47,835	55,365	62,125	68,705	76,635	90,785
2017.....	32,885	39,925	46,515					
Other States ²								
2015.....	8,995	12,515	16,380	20,720	24,550	28,665	33,020	39,249
2016.....	10,035	13,570	17,140	21,005	25,085	28,505	32,385	38,631
2017.....	9,995	14,146	17,965					
United States								
2015.....	70,970	87,190	104,405	124,120	142,225	160,770	179,805	222,943
2016.....	73,715	90,065	106,625	125,910	144,915	162,630	182,955	227,235
2017.....	69,230	87,866	105,795					
Dehydrated ³								
2015.....	12,155	15,885	19,620	23,560	27,605	31,585	35,645	47,135
2016.....	11,560	15,305	19,085	22,675	26,565	30,545	34,890	46,317
2017.....	10,595	14,304	18,085					

¹ Oregon excluding Malheur County.

² Other States include Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

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